

2016 ARMADA FC SOCCER

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2016 ARMADA FC SCHEDULE

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FEBRUARY 6PHILADELPHIA UNION (MLS)W, 1-0 13ORLANDO CITY SC (MLS)W, 2-1 24at U. of North Florida (NCAA D-I)D, 0-0 27NEW YORK RED BULLS (MLS)L, 5-1
MARCH 3TULSA ROUGHNECKS (USL)L, 3-2 5CHARLESTON BATTERY (USL)D, 0-0 9at Miami FC
REGULAR SEASON – SPRING
APRIL 10at New York Cosmos
MAY 4FC EDMONTON L, 1-0 7RAYO OKC L, 1-0 14 at Minnesota United FC 8 p.m. 22 at Ottawa Fury FC 2 p.m. 28INDY ELEVEN 7 P.M.
JUNE 4 at Carolina RailHawks
REGULAR SEASON – FALL
JULY 2
AUGUST 7:30 p.m. 6CAROLINA RAILHAWKS 7 P.M. 13 at Ottawa Fury FC 5 p.m. 17FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS 6:30 P.M. 20MINNESOTA UNITED FC 7 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 3at Carolina RailHawks
OCTOBER 1 at Minnesota United FC

All home matches ET and at Community First Park unless noted otherwise

 15... NEW YORK COSMOS
 7 P.M.

 23... at FC Edmonton
 4 p.m.

 30... TAMPA BAY ROWDIES
 4 P.M.

*At Patton Park

Saturday, May 14 • 8 p.m. ET

Jacksonville Armada FC (1W-1D-3L, 4 pts., 10th NASL Spring)

Minnesota United FC

(3W-1D-1L, 10 pts., 3rd NASL Spring)

Series HistoryMinnesota leads, 2-1-0 TV CW17 locally, beIN Sports nationally RadioProject 106.9-FM, project1069.iheart.com Live Updates.....Twitter (@ArmadaFCGameday)



Jacksonville Armada

Head Coach/Technical Director: Tony Meola, 1st season (1-1-3)



Minnesota United FC

Head Coach:

Carl Craig, 1st season (3-1-1)

2016 Stat Leaders

Goals: Matt Bahner, Pascal Millien and Junior Sandoval (1)

Assists: Richie Ryan (1) Saves: Miguel Gallardo (9)

2016 Stat Leaders

Goals: Christian Ramirez (4) Assists: Kevin Venegas (2) Saves: Sammy Ndjock (9)

The Jacksonville Armada will hit the road for a showdown with top North American Soccer League side Minnesota United FC at 8 p.m. ET on Saturday.

The Armada is coming off a full slate of games at home last week and came up short in both contests. One theme was apparent in both matches: Jacksonville created plenty of chances and looked to be the better side but just couldn't penetrate either defense.

Against FC Edmonton last Wednesday, the Armada owned possession (63-37), passing (488-276) and passing percentage (80-63), but struggled in the final third and gave up a set piece goal in a 1-0 loss. The story was nearly indentical in Jacksonville's 1-0 loss to Rayo OKC on Saturday.

The Armada took 19 shots (but only had three on goal), completed 86 percent of their 576 passes and connected on 24 percent of their whopping 42 crosses. But for some reason, it just couldn't connect. Even though Rayo OKC had just two shots on goal, the one in the 70th minute was the one that counted. Rayo OKC's Michel sent in a long cross from the left, and goalkeeper Miguel Gallardo rushed out to punch it away. But Robbie Findley beat him to it and buried the ball in the net on a header

The Loons have been riding a wave of momentum and are unbeaten in their last four contests. Minnesota played to a 2-2 draw with Ottawa Fury

ARMADA F	C QUICK FACTS
Location	Jacksonville, Fla.
Founded	July 25, 2013
	Navy Blue and Gold
League North An	nerican Soccer League
	Mark Frisch
	ommunity First Park at
the Baseball G	Grounds of Jacksonville
Surface	Grass
Capacity	8,500

Coaching/Technical Staff

Head Coach/Technical DirTony Meola
Assistant CoachJim Rooney
Assistant Coach Mark Lowry
Asst. Technical Director Nathan Walter
Team Orthopaedist Nigel W. Sparks, M.D.
Team PhysicianMichael Haghighi, M.D.
Head Athletic Trainer Andrew Orpiano
Equipment ManagerPaul Dillon

Team Information

Active Roster Size	25
Midfielders	9
Defenders	6
Forwards	7
Goalkeepers	3
No. of Different Nationalities	12
United States	13
Haiti	2
Argentina	1
Cameroon	1
England	1
Finland	1
Guinea	1
Honduras	1
Ireland	1
Mexico	
Netherlands	1
Trinidad & Tobago	1



	2016 NASL SPRING STANDINGS								
	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1.	New York Cosmos	6	4	0	2	10	3	7	12
2.	Carolina RailHawks	6	4	0	2	10	8	2	12
3.	Minnesota United FC	5	3	1	1	9	4	5	10
4.	Indy Eleven	5	2	3	0	6	4	2	9
5.	FC Edmonton	6	2	2	2	4	4	0	8
6.	Tampa Bay Rowdies	5	2	2	1	4	4	0	8
7.	Rayo OKC	5	2	1	2	7	7	0	7
8.	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	5	1	2	2	5	7	-2	5
9.	Ottawa Fury FC	6	1	2	3	5	9	-4	5
10.	Jacksonville Armada FC	5	1	1	3	3	6	-3	4
11.	Miami FC	6	0	2	4	5	12	-7	2

FC last Saturday in Ottawa. United FC struck first in the 13th minute on a Christian Ramirez goal and retook the lead at 2-1 on a Ben Speas goal in the 75th minute.

It would seemingly be all the Loons needed to wrap up another three points, but Fury FC put that to rest when Marcel De Jong knocked in a stoppage time goal to knot the score.

POTENT NOTABLES

- Jacksonville is averaging 57.6 percent of ball possession this year, the highest total in the NASL.
- Kevan George has already been booked for three yellow cards this season, tied with five other players for the most in the NASL.
- Jacksonville has only scored twice from inside the box this year, the lowest in the league. Minnesota has scored eight times from inside the box this year, tied for second highest in the league.
- Danny Barrow (7.5) and Charles Eloundou (6.8) are ranked third and fourth in the league, respectively, in dribbles attempted per 90 minutes played, amongst NASL players with at least 45 minutes this season.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 9 The number of yellow cards for the Armada through four matches, which is tied for the second-least in the league for bookings. Jacksonville led the league in 2015 for most yellow cards with 64 and finished with the second-most red cards (9).
- 69 The number of total shots the Armada has taken this season, second-best in the NASL. Midfielder Junior Sandoval has notched 10, which is tied for fifth in the league.
- 25 The number of clearances for defender Tyler Ruthven, currently tied for fifth-best in the NASL.
- 5 The number of Armada players averaging more than 2.5 shots per 90 minutes played; Charles Eloundou (4.2), Junior Sandoval (3.5), Nicolas Perea (3.0), Jemal Johnson (2.8) and Pascal Millien (2.7).

<u>CHALLENGE LIES WITH CONVERSION</u>
There is no doubt the Armada has not had a tough time creating chances and controlling the flow of their games this season. Jacksonville leads the leads the league with 13.8 shots per game and is second-best with 54.9 percent possession, but it has not translated on the scoreboard. The Armada has the lowest shot conversion rate in the league at 5.7 percent.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Armada will have another road tilt at 2 p.m. ET on Sunday, May 22 at Ottawa Fury FC. The match will be shown locally on CW17 and nationally on ESPN3. It will also be aired on Project 106.9-FM in Jacksonville and on the iHeart app.

2016 STATISTICAL COMPARISON							
JAX	MNU						
1-1-3	Record	3-1-1					
L-L-D-W-L	Form	D-W-W-W-L					
4	Points	10					
10th Spring	Table Position	3rd Spring					
3	Goals Scored	9					
0.60	Goals Per Game	1.8					
32.1%	Shot Accuracy	40%					
78.5%	Pass Accuracy	77.1%					
6	Goals Conceded	4					
1.20	Goals Against Avg.	0.80					
0	Shutouts	3					
71.4%	Tackles Won Pct.	71.1%					
51%	Duels Won Pct.	46.9%					
9	Yellow Cards Received	13					
0	Red Cards Received	0					
61	Fouls Conceded	68					

LAST TIME OUT RECAP (JULY 31, 2015)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - In what makes for their third wild matchup this year, the two sides played to an emotional 3-3 draw that featured a sending off, rapid momentum swings and downto-the-wire drama.

When the dust settled, the Armada had four points from games against tough opponents (New York and Minnesota) on this home stand, but the Boys in Blue and their 6,847 fans left lamenting the draw as a lost opportunity after leading 3-1 with fewer than 15 minutes to play.

With 12 minutes to go, it looked like the Armada had three points in the bag.

For the first time since May, they had all three first-choice forwards on the field, with Alhassane Keita back from a red card at Minnesota two games earlier, Pascal Millien home from international duty, and Jemal Johnson in his usual place on the left.

That paid off via goals by Johnson, Barrett and Keita, and even after Miguel Gallardo whiffed on a Justin Davis cross and let it slip into his net in the 78th, the lead appeared safe.

Then, it unraveled.

Shawn Nicklaw picked up a second yellow card and was sent off in the 84th, and mere seconds later, Ibson knotted up the score with a shot from the left.

The final minutes were played in a frenzy, and emotions were still running high among players as they walked to the locker rooms.

ALL-TIME RESULTS VS. UNITED FC									
Date Score Result Location									
5/23/15	3-2	L	Blaine, Minn.						
7/15/15	4-0	L	Blaine, Minn.						
7/31/15	3-3	D	Jacksonville, Fla.						

SERIES SNAPSHOT							
Series History:							
At Jacksonville:	Series tied, 0-1-0						
Last Meeting:							

LAST TIME OUT BOX SCORE

Armada FC 3, Minnesota United FC 3

July 31, 2015

Jacksonville, Fla. | Community First Park

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>
Armada FC	2	1	3
United FC	1	2	3

Scoring Summary

JAX - Johnson (Scaglia), 5' MNU - Ramirez (Alhassan), 21' JAX - Barrett, 23' JAX – Keita (Johnson), 72'

MNU - Davis (Alhassan), 78'

MNU - Ibson (Davis), 84'

	<u>JAX</u>	<u>MNU</u>
Corners	0	10
Fouls	17	7
Free Kicks	10	21
Goal Kicks	10	6
Offsides	4	1
Penalties	0	0
Blocks	6	3
SOG	6	9
SOffT	3	4
Possession	46%	54%

Attendance: 6,847

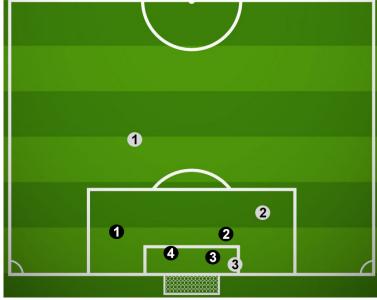
Notes: Armada finished with first three goal performance at home since Spring Season opener on April 4 against FC Edmonton ... Akeil Barrett scored his first career goal ... Jacksonville recorded its second draw at home this season, bringing its record to 4-2-1 in Jacksonville ... Jemal Johnson named MOTM ... Shawn Nicklaw received second yellow card in 83rd minute, forcing Armada to play with 10 men for final seven minutes of match.



2016 GOALS FOR/AGAINST (NASL SPRING SEASON)



- 1. Junior Sandoval 4/15 vs. MIA, 20th minute 2. Pascal Millien 4/15 vs. MIA, 36th minute
- 3. Matt Bahner (Richie Ryan) 4/23 at FTL, 16th minute



= Goals Against

- **1. Jairo Arrieta (Juan Arango)** 4/10 at NYC, 29th minute
- 2. Adam Moffat (Niko Kranjcar) 4/10 at NYC, 55th minute
- 3. Dario Cvitanich (Adailton) 4/15 vs. MIA, 26th minute
- **4. Maicon Santos (Jose Angulo)** 4/23 at FTL, 74th minute
- **5. Papé Diakite (Daryl Fordyce)** 5/4 vs. FCE, 64th minute
- 6. Robbie Findley (Michel)

5/7 vs. OKC, 70th minute

2016 ARMADA FC NASL SPRING SEASON INDIVIDUAL STATS										
#	Pos	Name	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	Υ	R	
13	D	Bahner, Matt	4	3	295	1	0	0	0	
20	F	Barrow, Danny	1	1	60	0	0	0	0	
7	D	Burke, Bryan	3	3	270	0	0	0	0	
21	F	Dixon, Alex	3	1	96	0	0	0	0	
99	F	Eloundou, Charles	4	1	172	0	0	2	0	
9	F	Fondy, Matt	5	5	450	0	0	0	0	
27	F	Gebhard, Derek	2	1	76	0	0	0	0	
19	M	George, Kevan	4	4	351	0	0	3	0	
<u>11</u>	F	Johnson, Jemal	3	1	97	0	0	0	0	
4	D	Jérôme, Mechack	5	5	450	0	0	0	0	
10	F	Keita, Alhassane	4	2	177	0	0	2	0	
14	M	Millien, Pascal	5	4	336	1	0	0	0	
5	D	Navarro, Beto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15	D	Nicklaw, Shawn	2	1	91	0	0	0	0	
29	D	Otte, Patrick	3	3	229	0	0	0	0	
17	M	Perea, Nicolas	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	
2	D	Ruthven, Tyler	5	5	450	0	0	1	0	
6	М	Ryan, Richie	5	5	450	0	1	1	0	
12	M	Sandoval, Junior	4	3	284	1	0	0	0	
16	M	Scaglia, Lucas	2	1	76	0	0	0	0	

	2016 ARMADA FC REGULAR SEASON MATCH-BY-MATCH COMPARISON									
Date	Opponent	Result	Shots	SOT	Sh. Acc.	Saves	Corners	Fouls	JAX goals (assists)	
4/10	at New York	L, 2-0	9/12	1/4	12.5%/40%	2/1	10/0	12/16	n/a	
4/15	MIAMI FC	W, 2-1	17/13	7/4	50%/50%	3/5	6/1	15/12	Sandoval, Millien	
4/23	at Fort Lauderda	le D, 1-1	15/9	4/2	33.3%/33.3%	1/3	5/4	13/17	Bahner (Ryan)	
5/4	FC EDMONTON	I L, 1-0	9/8	2/3	33.3%/50%	2/2	4/4	10/15	n/a	
5/7	RAYO OKC	L, 1-0	19/9	3/2	23.1%/25%	1/3	13/2	11/6	n/a	

	2016 ARMADA FC REGULAR SEASON MATCH-BY-MATCH STARTERS											
Date	Opponent	GK	LB	LCB	RCB	RB	LDM	CAM	RDM	LW	ST	RW
4/10	at New York	Gallardo	Otte	Ruthven	Jerome	Burke	George	Keita	Ryan	Millien	Fondy	Dixon
4/15	MIAMI FC	Gallardo	Otte	Ruthven	Jerome	Burke	George	Millien	Ryan	Eloundou	Fondy	Sandoval
4/23	at Fort Lauderdale	Gallardo	Bahner	Ruthven	Jerome	Burke	George	Keita	Ryan	Millien	Fondy	Sandoval
		GK	LB	LCB	RCB	RB	LM	LDM	RDM	RM	LF	RF
5/4	FC EDMONTON	Gallardo	Bahner	Ruthven	Jerome	Nicklaw	Johnson	Ryan	George	Millien	Fondy	Gebhard
		GK	LB	LCB	RCB	RB	LM	CDM	RM	LW	ST	RW
5/7	RAYO OKC	Gallardo	Bahner	Ruthven	Jerome	Otte	Scaglia	Ryan	Perea	Sandoval	Fondy	Barrow

RAYO OKC	GK Gallard	LB lo Bahner	LCB Ruthven	RCB Jerome	RB Otte	LM Scaglia	CDM RM Ryan Perea S	LW Sandoval	ST Fondy	RV Barr
		20	16 ARMAE	DA FC REGU	LAR SEA	SON BOX SCO	DRES			
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Hempstead, N.Y		t Stadium	Jackso			nity First Park	Armada now 2-0-0 all-time in regular season home openers.			
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NYC – Moffat (Krar	ijcar), 55	1		Cvitanich (A Millien, 36'	daillon), z	20	Armada	1 0	1	
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				George (cau			FTL – Santos (Ang	julo), 74'		
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Ockford, Freeman,				vega (caulic	11), 90+3		<u>Discipline Summary</u> JAX: George 27' (caution)			
fat 45'), Kranjcar (F			Lineup	os			FTL: Alexandre 36' (caution)			
Guenzatti (Orozco				<u></u> . <u>-2-3-1):</u> Gal	lardo, Ott	te (Bahner	FTL: Attakora 40' (caution)			
				uthven, Jero			FTL: Alexandre 55' (caution)			
JAX (4-2-3-1): Gall				Millien, Elou			JAX: Ryan 81' (caution)			
Jerome, Burke, Ge Ryan, Millien, Keita			Sando	val (Keita 72	²), Fondy		FTL: Santos 90+2' (caution)			
Dixon (Sandoval 57			MIA (4	-4-2): Vega,	Leroux.	Trafford.	Lineups			
	<i>)</i> , . σ	,		Borrajo, Ma			FTL (4-2-3-1): Bru	no, Vértiz	, Zapata,	,
	<u>NYC</u>	<u>JAX</u>), Cvitanich,	Agbossoumonde, A			
Corners	0	10	Chavez	z (Campos 6	30')		(Fernandes 58'), P			tos
Fouls Conceded Clearances	16 21	12 20			IAV	MIA	35'), Pineda (Nune	ez 67′), Ar	igulo	
Tackles	20	20 11	Cornei	re	<u>JAX</u> 6	1	JAX (4-2-3-1): Gal	llardo Ba	hner	
Offsides	0	5		Conceded	15	12	Ruthven, Jerome,			/an.
Interceptions	22	26	Cleara		22	24	Millien (Eloundou 6			
Duels Won	51.5%	48.9%	Tackle	-	21	21	Sandoval (Johnson	n 89'), Fo	ndy	
Aerial Duels Won		68.2%	Offside		1	7			1437	
Total Shots SOT	12 4	9 1	Interce Duels	eptions Won	13 52.5%	26 47.5%	Corners	<u>FTL</u> 4	<u>JAX</u> 5	
Shot Accuracy	4 40%	12.5%		won Duels Won		47.5% 39.1%	Fouls Conceded	4 17	13	
Possession	49.5%	50.5%	Total S		17	13	Clearances	16	12	
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50%

53.8%

50%

46.2%

Tackles

Offsides

Interceptions

Aerial Duels Won 43.5%

Duels Won

21

2

29

47.4%

18

2

15

52.6%

56.6%

SOT

Shot Accuracy

Attendance: 5,112

Possession

Attendance: 3,685

Notes: Mechack Jerome named MOTM

... Armada's road winless streak extends

to 15 games dating back to 2015.

2016 ARMADA FC REGULAR SEASON BOX SCORES

Total Shots	9	15
SOT	2	4
Shot Accuracy	33.3%	33.3%
Possession	47.4%	52.6%

Attendance: 1,097

Notes: Matt Bahner named MOTM ... Armada scored first in 16th minute, the first time in series history it held a lead over the Strikers ... the draw marks the first time in series history Fort Lauderdale did not win.

FC Edmonton 1, Armada 0

May 4, 2016

Jacksonville, Fla. | Community First Park

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>E</u>
Armada	0	1	1
Eddies	1	0	1

Scoring Summary

FCE - Diakite (Fordyce), 64'

Discipline Summary

JAX: George 23' (caution)
FCE: Edward 26' (caution)
JAX: Keita 85' (caution)
FCE: VanOekel 87' (caution)
JAX: Eloundou 90+3' (caution)

Lineups

JAX (4-4-2): Gallardo, Bahner, Ruthven, Jerome, Nicklaw, Johnson, Ryan, George (Scaglia 82'), Millien (Eloundou 60'), Fondy, Gebhard (Keita 60')

FCE (4-1-4-1): VanOekel, Smith, Watson, Diakite, Edward, Raudales (Fordyce 10'), Cruz (Salguero 83'), Shome, Ledgerwood, Plumhoff, Keegan

	<u>JAX</u>	<u>FCE</u>
Corners	4	4
Fouls Conceded	10	15
Clearances	16	21
Tackles	18	15
Offsides	2	0
Interceptions	16	21
Duels Won	58.7%	41.3%
Aerial Duels Won	64.5%	35.5%
Total Shots	9	8
SOT	2	3
Shot Accuracy	33.3%	50%
Possession	63.2%	36.8%

Attendance: 3,517

Notes: Matt Bahner named MOTM for second-straight match ... Derek Gebhard makes first-career start ... Lucas Scaglia makes 2016 debut after recovering from knee injury ... Eddies notch first series win over Armada.

Rayo OKC 1, Armada 0

May 7, 2016

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1 2 E

Armada	0	0	0
Rayo OKC	0	1	1

Scoring Summary

OKC: Findley (Michel) 70'

Discipline Summary

OKC: Fernandes 53' (caution)

Lineups

JAX (4-3-3): Gallardo, Bahner, Ruthven, Jerome, Otte (Gebhard 74'), Scaglia (Dixon 68'), Ryan, Perea, Sandoval, Fondy, Barrow (Millien 60')

OKC (4-3-3): Fernandes, Hernandez, Juanan, Danso, Kimura, Michel, Boateng, Pecka (Velasquez 68'), Samaras (Findley 57'), Menjivar, Forbes

	<u>JAX</u>	<u>OKC</u>
Corners	13	2
Fouls Conceded	11	6
Clearances	10	20
Tackles	16	23
Offsides	0	2
Interceptions	22	27
Duels Won	41.9%	58.1%
Aerial Duels Won	48.1%	51.9%
Total Shots	19	9
SOT	3	2
Shot Accuracy	23.1%	25%
Possession	66.9%	33.1%

Attendance: 5,313

Notes: Richie Ryan named MOTM ... Armada scoreless streak extends to 254 minutes

HEAD COACH/TECHNICAL DIRECTOR TONY MEOLA





Legendary former U.S. Men's National Team and MLS goalkeeper Tony Meola was named the Jacksonville Armada FC head coach and technical director on Nov. 24. 2015.

Meola, who was inducted in the U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame in 2012, takes over an Armada FC club that finished 8-7-15 (W-D-L) overall in its inaugural season in the North American Soccer League, good for an 11th-place combined finish.

Meola has been a prominent figure in U.S. Soccer since he stormed onto the scene in 1987 when he helped lead the U-20 National Team at the 1987 FIFA World Youth Championship in goal. Following a two-year college career at the University of Virginia, where he was a two-time All-American under the guidance of U.S. Soccer icon Bruce Arena, Meola embarked on an illustrious international career in 1988 with the U.S. Men's National Team. The Kearny, N.J., native earned 100 caps for the USMNT, which is tied for 14th all-time overall and third among goalkeepers, and was on the squad for the 1990, 1994 and 2002 FIFA World Cups. His 37 wins and 32 clean sheets rank third all-time in U.S. Soccer history.

Meola also had a successful 18-year club career, most of which was spent in MLS with the New York/ New Jersey MetroStars, Kansas City Wizards and New York Red Bulls. In 2000, he was named league MVP, MLS Goalkeeper of the Year and led the Wizards to an MLS Cup victory, where he was also named MLS Cup MVP. He still holds the MLS record for most shutouts in one season with 16, which he set in 2000 with Kansas City. In 2005, he was named to the MLS All-Time Best XI.

Prior to playing in MLS, Meola had brief stints in En-

gland with Brighton & Hove Albion and Watford in 1990. In 1991, he returned to the United States and played for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, then competing in the APSL. Meola also played for indoor team Buffalo Blizzard in 1994 and for the USISL's (now USL) Long Island Rough Riders in 1995.

After becoming involved with the U.S. National Team the past several years in training sessions with the U-17 and U-20 teams, Meola also showed his ability as a player development expert. He made waves with former USMNT teammate Tab Ramos and the U-20 National Team, taking a hands-on approach with goalkeeper training and helping scout players. Meola has also developed a robust knowledge of the NASL after a successful broadcasting career with Sirius XM, Fox Sports, ONE World Sports and several other outlets.

Somewhat of a renaissance man, Meola was a multi-sport star in high school, serving as captain of his Kearny High School basketball team and was an all-state baseball player, which led him to be drafted by the New York Yankees in 1987. He also played baseball at the University of Virginia, and in 1994, Meola tried his hand at American football in 1994 when was a placekicker for the New York Jets in training camp.

And beyond sports, Meola has shown off his theatrical talents, appearing in the off-Broadway play Tony and Tina's Wedding in 1995. He also formed the New Jersey cover band Mushmouth with hometown friends in 1998.

Meola's love of the "beautiful game" was passed on to him from his father Vincent, who played professionally in Italy in the 1960s. Meola, who is married to Colleen Meola, has since paid that passion forward to his three children, Jonathan (18), Kylie (15) and Aidan (13) and recently coached Aidan's U-12 soccer club in New Jersey. He has also been active nationally in the promotion of soccer among youth clubs.

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1	Miguel Gallardo	GK	#	Name	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous Club		
2	Tyler Ruthven	D	13	Matt Bahner	D	26	6-0	175	Cincinnati, Ohio/Harrisburg City Islanders		
4	Mechack Jérôme^	D	20	Danny Barrow^	F	20	5-7	140	Braunton, England/Truro City FC		
5	Beto Navarro	D	7	Bryan Burke	D	27	6-2	185	Newport Beach, Calif./Louisville City FC		
6	Richie Ryan^	MF	21	Alex Dixon	F	26	5-8	150	Humble, Texas/Rochester Rhinos		
7	Bryan Burke	D	99	Charles Eloundou [^]	MF	21	5-7	155	Yaoundé, Cameroon/Colorado Rapids		
8	Pekka Lagerblom^ Matt Fondy	MF F	22	Sebastian Evers	GK	25	6-0	192	Miami, Fla./University of Central Florida		
9 10	Alhassane Keita	F	9	Matt Fondy	F	26	6-1	187	Foster City, Calif./Louisville City FC		
11	Jemal Johnson	F	1	Miguel Gallardo	GK	31	6-1	187	Torreón, Mexico/Orlando City SC		
12	Junior Sandoval	F							•		
13	Matt Bahner	D	27	Derek Gebhard	F	20	6-0	160	Severna Park, Md./Jacksonville United FC		
14	Pascal Millien	MF	19	Kevan George	MF	26	6-2	170	Roxborough, Trinidad & Tobago/Columbus Crew		
15	Shawn Nicklaw	D	4	Mechack Jérôme^	D	26	5-10	165	Liancourt, Haiti/Charlotte Independence		
16	Lucas Scaglia [^]	MF	11	Jemal Johnson	F	31	5-7	172	Paterson, N.J./New York Cosmos		
17	Nicolas Perea	MF	10	Alhassane Keita	F	32	5-5	149	Conakry, Guinea/FC St. Gallen		
19	Kevan George	MF	8	Pekka Lagerblom [^]	MF	33	5-11	158	Lahti, Finland/FC Lahti		
20	Danny Barrow [^]	F	33	Garry Lewis	MF	29	5-10	165	Orange Park, Fla./Ekenäs IF		
21	Alex Dixon	F	23	Sean Lewis	GK	24	6-1	177	Rockford, Mich./Olympia FC Warriors		
22	Sebastian Evers	GK	14	Pascal Millien	MF	30	5-5	159	Leogane, Haiti/Samut Songkhram FC		
23	Sean Lewis	GK	5	Beto Navarro	D	27	6-1	165	Delano, Calif./Orange County Blues		
24	Chaim Roserie#	F	15	Shawn Nicklaw	D	27	6-0	183	San Diego, Calif./Thór		
27 29	Derek Gebhard Patrick Otte	F MF	29	Patrick Otte	MF	24	5-7	160	Thousand Oaks, Calif./Ventura County Fusion		
33	Garry Lewis	MF	17	Nicolas Perea	MF	23	5-10	170	Hollywood, Fla./Syracuse University		
99	Charles Eloundou [^]	MF	24	Chaim Roserie#	F	17	5-3	112	Mississauga, Ontario/West Toronto Cobras		
			2	Tyler Ruthven	D	27	6-2	195	Alpharetta, Ga./Arizona United FC		
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31 - Miguel Gallardo (10/24/84), Richie

Chaim Roserie(HIME ROSE-er-ree) Ryan (1/6/85), Jemal Johnson (5/3/85)

30 - Pascal Millien (5/3/86)

29 - Lucas Scaglia (5/6/87)

27 - Tyler Ruthven (7/18/88),

Bryan Burke (1/3/89), Beto Navarro (3/25/89), Shawn Nicklaw (4/15/89)

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24 - Patrick Otte (10/22/91)

23 - Nicolas Perea (8/6/92)

21 - Charles Eloundou (12/4/94)

20 - Derek Gebhard (10/15/95), Danny

Barrow (11/16/95)

17 - Chaim Roserie (9/9/98)